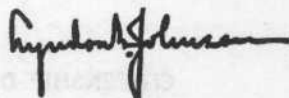


eral, State, and local officials, as well as all religious, civic, educational, and other interested organizations, to arrange meaningful ceremonies on that day to inspire all our citizens to pledge themselves anew to the service of their country and to the support and defense of the Constitution.

I also designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1968, as Constitution Week; and I urge the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities in their schools and churches, and in other suitable places, to the end that they may have a better understanding of the Constitution and of the rights and responsibilities of United States citizenship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-second.



Proclamation 3853

DEATH OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES:

A noble and compassionate leader, a good and faithful servant of the people, in the full vigor of his promise, lies dead from an assassin's bullet.

The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death casts a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world.

This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States, do call upon all Americans to observe Sunday next, the ninth day of June, as a day of national mourning in his memory throughout the United States. In our churches, in our homes, and in our hearts let us resolve before God and before each other that the purpose of progress and justice for which Robert F. Kennedy lived shall endure.

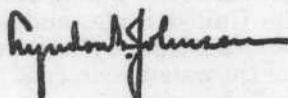
I direct that until interment the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff on all buildings, grounds and naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions.

I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and

June 6, 1968

sixty-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-second.



THE WHITE HOUSE,
June 6, 1968.

Proclamation 3854

FLAG DAY AND NATIONAL FLAG WEEK, 1968

By the President of the United States of America

June 8, 1968

A Proclamation

On June 14, 1777, in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress raised a symbol of hope and freedom for our infant Nation. It resolved that our flag should be a banner of thirteen alternating red and white stripes, with thirteen white stars in a field of blue.

The United States flag has become an inspiration not to one people alone, but to millions abroad who seek justice and equality.

It flies above a land, and represents a people, blessed by fortune and labor to know prosperity and promise beyond any in the history of man.

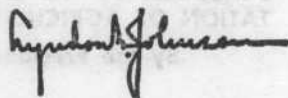
Yet it has too often been carried into battle, or lowered to mark tragedy.

It is our task to work toward the day when it may be raised above a land in peace, a land of genuine equality and dignity, a land of justice under law—a land where neither violence nor oppression holds sway.

We should revere our flag, and the dream it represents. And we should re-dedicate ourselves to achieving that just and peaceful America over which it may proudly wave.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning June 9, 1968, as National Flag Week. I direct the appropriate Government officials to display the flag on all Government buildings during the week. And on Flag Day, June 14, I urge all Americans to fly the flag.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-second.



Proclamation 3855

AMENDING PROCLAMATION NO. 3385, DESIGNATING RESTRICTED WATERS UNDER THE GREAT LAKES PILOTAGE ACT OF 1960

By the President of the United States of America

June 10, 1968

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 3(a) of the Great Lakes Pilotage Act of 1960 (74 Stat. 259; 46 U.S.C. 216a(a)), the President designated